UNITED STATES DISTR SOUTHERN DISTRICT C	OF NEW YORK	X	
CHRISTIAN CASEY LLC, et al.,)) 08-CV-00870 (C	BD)
	Plaintiffs,) ANSWER OF DEFENDANT FO)RMAN
- against -) MILLS, INC.	
AE STORES, INC., et al.,)	
	Defendants.)	
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Defendant Forman Mills, Inc. ("Forman Mills"), by and through its attorneys, Blank Rome LLP, answers the Complaint as follows:

- 1. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, except admits that the Complaint purports to rely on federal and state acts and statutes that would grant subject matter jurisdiction to this Court.
 - 2. Admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
 - 3. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4-7. Denies knowledge of information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 4-7 of the Complaint.
 - 8-9. Admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 8-9 of the Complaint.
- 11-13. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 11-13 of the Complaint.
 - 14. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
 - 15-37. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth

of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 15-37 of the Complaint.

- 38. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint.
- 39-41. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 39-41 of the Complaint.
 - 42-43. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 42-43 of the Complaint.
- 44. Repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1-43 above as fully set forth herein.
- 45-46. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 45-46 of the Complaint.
 - 47-54. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 47-54 of the Complaint.
- 55. Repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1-54 above as fully set forth herein.
- 56. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
 - 57-62. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 57-62 of the Complaint.
- 63. Repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1-62 above as fully set forth herein.
- 64. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 64 of the Complaint.
 - 65-72. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 65-72 of the Complaint.
 - 73. Repeats and realleges its answers to Paragraphs 1-72 above as fully set

- 74-75. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 74-75 of the Complaint.
 - 76-81. Denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 76-81 of the Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. The Complaint fails to state any claims upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. The Complaint is barred in whole or in part by laches.
- 3. The Complaint is barred in whole or in part under the doctrines of waiver, estoppel and/or acquiescence.
- 4. The Complaint is barred in whole or in part by the applicable statute of limitations.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Forman Mills, Inc., respectfully requests that:

- A. The Complaint be dismissed;
- B. It be awarded attorney's fees and costs, and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: March 28, 2008

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